

DIALOG COLLECTIVE

Overtaking Ottawa

by Valter Amerli

My adventure began when I arrived in Ottawa. I noticed that a lot of the streets had one-way signs. I have never seen so many one-way signs in a city before. The signs proved to be somewhat of a hassle because the way that they were directing meant that we had to circle the city before we could arrive at the hotel. The hotel was very clean and prestigious. (It was no HoJo that's for sure.)

We arrived in Ottawa on Thursday at around 3p.m. I was the official delegate and the first thing we did was sign in. All of the delegates received a name badge that allowed us to leave and enter the building as we pleased and gain access to restricted areas.

Things picked-up on Friday when

the delegates from newspapers across the country voted on CUP issues such as membership regulations and other important money issues such as how to get more from outside sources in order to reduce the annual CUP membership fee to zero.

I found that many of the rules were silly. For instance, one rule was that if you did not fill in a survey by a certain time, your newspaper would be "annihilated." (Since this was called the Canadian "University" Press conference, you could imagine what the vocabulary might have been like.) What happened to using simple words to describe simple things?

Friday ended with a formal dinner where things got interesting when the president of CUP gave a short speech. When he went to the

podium and started his speech, someone threw a bun at his forehead. He then began his speech with "TORONTO SMELLS LIKE PEE!" What kind of remark is that? I'm just glad that he was hit with the bun. Other than his comment, which pissed me off, the dinner was delicious.

A lecture that I enjoyed was called "Bill-C42: How does it affect you." Because the speaker worked for the government, he did not reveal his name or where he came from. But regardless of his anonymity, he used a good example to teach the group what Bill-C42 entailed.

Let's say that the defense minister wanted to "zone" your ass; he could do it with Bill-C42. (Details of a zone are described at www.savedemocracy.com, but in short a zone is an area.) If the

minister thinks your ass is a threat to Canada, he will zone your ass, and that means he will have control of your ass and no one can come a certain distance from your ass. Basically, he can "whoop" your ass if he wanted to.

Sunday was the final day of my adventure and it was election day! After breakfast, all the delegates were summoned to the conference room and the candidates vying to become the new president of CUP were brought in one by one. Each candidate had an opportunity to answer all of our questions. I am sorry if you want to know who we voted for, but I am not allowed to disclose that information because it was a secret ballot. And believe me, the staff that were in charge of this election made sure that all of the delegates in the conference

room could not leave the without an escort to their room. I felt as though I was under house arrest. Luckily, I got to leave toward the end of the voting period because it was time to head home to Toronto.

I had a lot of fun in Ottawa. I viewed the parliament buildings and I also got a tour of the parliament. The sunsets in Ottawa were magnificent and breathtaking. My comment to CUP: I think we will have to start our own organization called the Canadian College Press because colleges are just as important as universities.

And that, ladies and gents was my adventure in Ottawa. I hope you enjoyed taking the adventure with me.

by Caragh Titherington

This year I had the opportunity to attend the annual CUP conference in our country's capital, Ottawa. My experiences at the conference were very rewarding. I was able to meet university and college students from across Canada and share ideas on journalism, current events, music, student unions... the list goes on. I was also able to give speeches made by prominent journalists, which were both inspiring and educational. However, the most important part of the conference for me, was the opportunity to connect with the other members of the Dialog.

During the four days that we were in Ottawa, we shared a lot of laughs, ideas, and information about ourselves. We talked about what brought us to volunteer for the paper, the various responsibilities each of us has in our roles at the Dialog, and how we would like to contribute to the paper in the coming years. These conversations furthered my understanding and appreciation of the different roles and the variety of tasks necessary to produce a successful student publication. The interconnectedness of all our roles at the paper became clearer for me during our trip.

The conference gave us the chance to distribute our newspaper to other colleges and universities. In return, we got feedback from other schools and learned of their experiences. The feedback was great and it left me feeling proud and motivated to contribute to the Dialog. I felt a greater sense of belonging and responsibility to the paper to the rest of George Brown College which we represent. The Dialog is such an important part of the college as it provides, among



other things, a medium for students to participate in discussions and actions which are relevant to them.

We gained a lot as a college, a newspaper, and as individuals by attending the CUP conference this year. This experience will surely contribute to the further development and growth of the paper.



by DJ Corning

The annual Canadian University Press (CUP) conference took place from Jan. 23 to Jan. 28, 2002 at the Crown Plaza hotel in Ottawa. The Dialog sent six delegates and I was fortunate enough to be included.

I was very impressed by the size of the conference. Papers from all across the country were proudly represented, and we got to meet and talk journalism with student journalists from: The Athenaeum (Acadia), The Xavierian (St. Francis Xavier), The Gauntlet (Calgary), The Argus (Lakehead), Varsity (Toronto), and about 45 other papers from other Canadian universities and colleges.

Getting a chance to showcase our paper and getting to see what our CUP colleagues are producing was the highlight of the conference. I took home as many souvenir papers as I could because I am almost as proud of their papers as I am of our Dialog.

During the conference, there were many speakers from magazines, newspapers and television and some of them attended the CUP conference when they were still in university or college. I got to see Hugh Windsor of the Globe and Mail and Wayne Kondro of Science Magazine and the Ottawa Citizen.

On Saturday I checked out our National Art Gallery, which, if you're an art lover, is a must-see.

Ottawa and CUP were good to us. We all had a fun, educational experience and I personally cannot wait until next year's CUP conference in Montreal.

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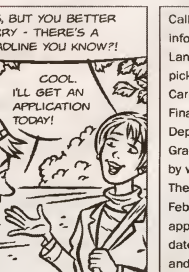
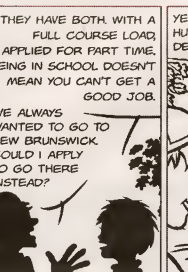
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by Sera Gordon

Another issue, another deadline. I have to admit that this time around my heart was definitely not in what I was doing. Is that a bad thing considering that this is the issue?

LOVE / I'm in & v.
1 An intense feeling of deep affection or fondness for a person or thing; great liking. 2 Sexual passion. 3 Sexual relations. 4 A beloved one; a sweetheart (often as a form of address). 5 Brit. informal a familiar form of address regardless of affection 5 informal a person of whom one is fond 6 affectionate greetings (give him my love). 7 (often LOVE) a representation of cupid. 8 (in some sports) no score; nil. 9 a formula for ending an affectionate letter.

> > 1 tr. & intr. feel love or deep fondness (for). 2 tr. delight in; admire; greatly cherish. 3 tr. like very much (follow very much (loves books) 4 tr. (foll. by verbal noun, or to + infin.) be inclined, esp. as a habit, greatly enjoy; find pleasure in (children love dressing up; loves to find fault). >>> fall in love (often foll. by with) develop a great (esp. sexual) love (for), for love for pleasure not profit. for the love of for the sake of. In love (often foll. by with) deeply enamored (of). make love 1 (often foll. by, with) have sexual intercourse (with) (often foll. by to) to have sex with; to have an affair; to have an illicit or amorous relation (to). no love lost between mutual dislike between (two people etc.) not for love or money informal not in any circumstances. love of no longer in love. >>> loveworthy adj. <Old English lufu

from germanic: related to leave2, lief>

Love the idea, love the concept, love the play, love the word, love the game, love the thought, love the notion, love the motion, love the way, love the perception, love the ride...

When I think of love, I think of a lot of different feelings that can be easily conjured and imagined with such a word. A particular image that comes up in my mind is of cinnamon suckers from Crystal Beach Park. I remember my first roller coaster ride at that amusement park 20 years ago. I was finally allowed to go on the Comet and my dad, being the big strong guy that he is, took me on it. At the beginning of the ride and around the first corner, I thought I had had enough. I remember telling my dad, "OK, I think I am ready to get off." He just laughed because he knew what was in store for me. Ha ha ha! We went down the steepest hill I had ever experienced in my life at the time.

By today's standards, I guess the Yellow Comet does not compare to places like Canada's Wonderland or Cedar Point to go on roller coasters that take you upside down, and around and around... so many times that the Comet sadly pales in comparison. But I still remember, and I have a lot of great memories. Crystal Beach Park was the best place to hear bands, eat cotton candy, go roller skating, and savor the spicy taste of cinnamon on your tongue. Looking back to when I was seven years old riding my first roller coaster, I believed that it had to be the greatest thrill of my life. I only had known then what I know now. I truly believe that in my

younger years, I knew a lot more, or maybe, I was just more naive to the evils of the world. You tell me, because now as I look back, I like to think that riding the roller coaster safely prepared me for what was around the corner in adolescence and adulthood. When I go home and venture back to Crystal Beach to eat lunch at the once hopping area known as the Palmwood, it has now become a dilapidated area of depression. Gone are the cottages, the park has been bulldozed, and what used to be a fun summer experience now belongs to the Americans who have built a gated colonial housing complex in its place. No more summer fun the way it used to be. The beach is still packed and still the place to be, but the town has suffered, and it looks like a ghost town.

When I was 15, I had to opportunity to travel to Europe for grade 11. The one thing that my aunt Vikki told me was that I make sure that I experience everything that I can in my lifetime because no matter how many times I leave the Niagara Region, nothing will change, except maybe Crystal Beach. And now when I go back to visit my relatives, nothing has changed, except the fact that the only time I ever go to Crystal Beach is in the summertime.

And I love the idea that I am not missing out on anything. Recently, the Dialog sent six delegates to Ottawa to go to the CUP conference. It was a great experience getting to reconnect with some of the friends I had made at the ORCUP conference in the fall and at NASH last year in Vancouver, B.C. If I had to compare the conferences, I would

definitely say that Ottawa was a lot better than Vancouver last year. (Although nothing beats Vancouver.) Ottawa had better seminars and I liked the idea of the roundtables, but I do think that they could have more hands-on approach to things. Instead of showing up how to do something, I think they could show us and let us follow along, or teach a comprehensive course, like iDesign. We sent a great group of students and I like to think that the trip provided us with a great chance to bond on other levels. I would like to thank all those who help make the Dialog possible, particularly the delegates who shared Ottawa with me. Without you guys, I would not have as much pride in the newspaper as I do and I definitely know that the paper would not be possible without you. My best memory will be the 3 a.m. paper delivery. I can't remember ever laughing so much!

As I move forward in life, I know that now is the time to put in my dues. I have started volunteering at Bruce Mau Design and at the Japan Foundation. I have always thought that everything happens for a reason, and I have always tried to be compassionate towards those less fortunate. I truly believe that now is the time to move forward. This is my year, the year of the horse, so many good things are happening to me and to people that I know. I hope everyone is looking forward to bright a future as I am, and with that, I am off on another adventure. Fingers crossed, I have applied to school for next year in three different programs. I am letting fate decide my future this time, so look out world here I come!

Report from the Board

by Jansen Ng

A lot of changes have occurred in the last month. The Student Association Board of Directors officially ratified me as the First Year Representative Director for our St. James Campus. Also ratified were Community Services Rep. Jean Paul Brown, Life Works Rep. Ian Gavel, and the other representatives as announced unofficially by The Dialog.

The new Ambassador program was also brought up. I supported the Ambassador program as my campaign because it is a flexible and dynamic program that has a broad range of uses. It will enhance our prestige both inside and outside the College. A funding commitment was made by the Board, and a funding commitment by the College was also announced.

At the same meeting, one of my objectives was accomplished with the creation of the Elections Committee to deal with problems we had in the last Bi-Election. As many of you know, a lot of students were confused about which positions they were eligible to vote for and as such many students who were eligible to vote were unable to do so.

At the first meeting of the Elections Committee, I accepted the position of Chair. Together with Executive Director Wayne Poirier, Chief Returning Officer Shelley Edwards, Deputy Returning Officer Shant Campbell, Life Works Rep. Ian Gavel, and student representative Heather Hogen, I believe we will be able to draft new procedures that will result in greater student participation and ease of voting.

I am currently assisting Community Services Representative Jean-Paul Brown in creating a new Community Services Student Representative Council. This will enable C.S. students to organize and coordinate their own events, appoint a member to the Student Association Board of Directors, and establish an Executive Committee to handle C.S. issues.

I pledged during my campaign that I would work closer with clubs and associations. As part of that, I have met with a few Student Representative Councils (SRCs). I also attended a monthly meeting with club representatives. I plan to attend all such future meetings with MOSAIC, the American Sign Language Club, the GBC Marketing Association, Human Resources Club, and Anime-Vortex. If you would like to know more, I have listed their extensions at the bottom. If you are interested in starting up a club, please call me.

On October 29th, I attended the President's Forum. George Brown College President Frank Sorochinsky and Student Association President Kevin King outlined plans for the College's future through 2003 and beyond. We answered many of the students' questions and addressed many of

their concerns. We hope to be able to hold a bigger and better Forum next semester.

On November 7th, I assisted during the Student Association's Accessibility and Awareness Silver Event at Casa Loma. Newly appointed Vice-President Bruce Kilpatrick handled his first event very well, including a perfect shot during the wheelchair basketball game (See the article in this issue).

I attended an excellent Business Student's Association event on November 14th. "Business After 5" was intended to provide a forum for business students to speak with industry veterans in an informal setting. It was an overwhelming success. There will be another such event in February.

On November 19th, I had the honor of hearing George Smithnerman, M.P.P. Toronto Centre-Rosedale, speak with a Community Services class on the efforts he was making for his constituents. He spoke about the need for grassroots empowerment and how the Liberals plan to shift spending from corporate tax cuts to fund educational subsidies to students. I learned much

from his speech and spoke with him on several community issues.

I would like to invite all of you to the Student Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday, November 27th being held in the Student Lounge at 2:00 P.M. This will be your opportunity to speak to the entire board at the same time on the issues you feel are most important to the school. We need your voice to support our initiatives, such as lower tuition.

Refreshments will be served. I would also like to invite you all to the MOSAIC AGM on Wednesday, November 28th at 12:00 in the Student Lounge. You will have the opportunity to speak with their executive. Complimentary pizza will be served.

Feel free to drop by the Student Association Office (m. 147) and meet with me. If I am not available, please either leave a message with the assistants or in my voicemail at (416) 415-2900 x89479. You may also use that number to set appointments to meet with me.

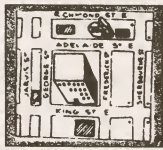


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No public hearings were held on the change and the federal government has never supplied any data justifying the



change from two to 10 years.

In addition, the change was buried in omnibus legislation and was never debated in the House of Commons. In fact, when the Canadian Federation of Students began lobbying Liberal Members of Parliament in response to these changes, many did not know that they had voted for the legislation.

Shortly after the extension to a 10-year prohibition, the Canadian Federation of Students began to investigate the possibility of challenging the law under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. After consulting with legal counsel, the Federation began the process of mounting a Charter challenge to the law. After finding an individual willing to go forward as a "test case," official notice was served in March 1999. At that time, research and other preparations were undertaken for a full-scale challenge of the law's constitutionality.

On December 6, 2000, the Federation filed affidavits with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and supporting materials outlining our case against the Act. In late February, the federal government filed its response material. In its response the federal government deposed a single affiant, an employee of Human Resources Development Canada. The federal government's affidavit offers no substantive response to the Federation's constitutional arguments against the law. Rather, the federal government outlines

policy measures undertaken since 1998 such as interest relief and debt management. In lieu of a defense of the law itself, the federal government appears to be arguing that modest policy initiatives cancel out the right of student loan borrowers to avail themselves of the protection afforded by the bankruptcy law.

In May 2001, the Federation filed its reply to the federal government's response. On November 16, 2001, cross examinations of the affiants involved in the case were undertaken. Further cross examinations will occur in January 2002. Once this discovery process is completed, it is expected that the case will go to trial in late summer 2002.

In addition to this legal work, the Federation continues a sustained government relations and communications strategy to convince the federal government to repeal the discriminatory changes to the BIA.

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Gung Hey Fat Choy!

by Nancy Lim

Chinese New Year falls on February 12 and this year is the Year of the Horse. The Chinese Lunar Calendar is based on the cycles of the moon, and consequently, the start of the year can fall anytime between late January and mid-February.

Traditionally, many Chinese celebrate with family and friends on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. It is usually a time to give thanks and reunite with loved ones. Many Chinese people also honour Heaven and Earth, as well as the gods of the household and family members who have passed away. These relatives are particularly remembered with reverence because they had helped to establish the fortunes of the family.

Red packets containing money are often given to others as a symbol of good luck. The amount is usually in an even denomination because odd numbers are seen as unlucky. People also try not to fight during New Year celebrations. Being mean would bring bad fortune for the whole year.

Special foods are usually served. Traditionally, red meat is not eaten; instead, fish is prepared because it brings long life and favorable fortune. Oranges and tangerines are also eaten since they symbolize wealth and good luck. The New Year's cake, also known as *nian gao*, is commonly served. Many Chinese people believe that the higher the cake rises, the better the fortune for

the new year.

Many Chinese believe that before the departure of Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, he called upon all the animals of the earth, and only a dozen came to wish him farewell. To reward these faithful creatures, he named a year after each one that arrived. As a result, the Chinese Lunar Calendar is composed of twelve years, identified by each of these animals. It is also believed that the animal that rules the year in which a person is born influences his or her personality.

People born in this year can be referred to as "horses," and they are generally cheerful and popular, as well as admired by others. Horses are quite easy-going individuals, yet they tend to be rebellious, which results in short-temperament.

Horses are also known to handle their financial matters well. Being talented in various fields, they strive to fulfill their goals and dreams, and this shows their determination and hard working nature.

Horses tend to be quite talkative and energetic. They enjoy spending time in large groups, as well as attend the theatre, concerts, and parties. Despite their cleverness, many horses acquire an inferiority complex. This fear of being exposed as a phony and their personal sense of inadequacy results in frequent change of social circles.

People who are born in the year of Horse will generally be loving partners of stability. They tend to fall in love many times, but when

Illustration by
Sherry Tu



they find that special someone, they are completely devoted and will sacrifice anything for love.

Horses are mainly compatible with those born in the year of the Tiger and Dogs, as well as Goats and Pigs.

Dragons and Snakes serve as figures of arousal. However, Horses do not get along well with Rats and Monkeys.

There are also several famous people born in the Year Of The

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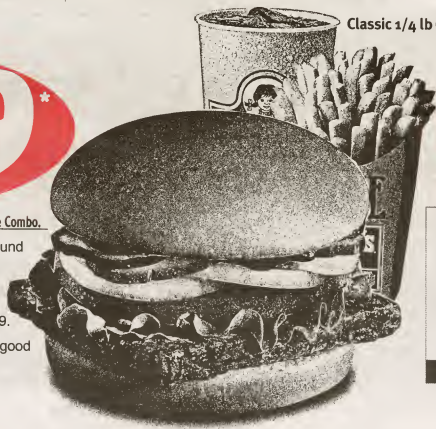
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Curiosity pulled me on a path one day in an internet voice-chat to a channel named "Women4Women." It was there where my world changed and cast me into a new light. I had always been attracted to women, but never thought I would meet a woman who could capture my heart.

I was having a conversation one afternoon when a new member commented on my voice. She and I began chatting and several hours later, we reluctantly parted for the night. The following evening she was there again, waiting for me. Shortly after, we discovered that

we lived not very far from each other and we decided that we should meet. I can't ever remember being so nervous waiting to meet her in the lobby of the hotel where her ringette team was staying. When I saw her walk into the room my heart skipped. I didn't breathe. I didn't think I just stood and stared. That was the beginning of a beautiful relationship, one that allowed me to discover more about myself and my sexuality.

I have been out of the closet for about a year now, and it has been the most liberating experience of my life. It has allowed me to be who I want to be and not who society has deemed I should be. Unfortunately, that is not the

case for many homosexuals in today's society. They fear coming out to friends and family because they do not know the



reactions they will receive. Many parents consider homosexuality a sin, and grandparents, even more so. Brothers and sisters may not want to be associated with having a "flag" or a "dyke" as a family member, and in some extreme cases lead to

physical assault, or being kicked out of the family home. Most cases include some form of psychological devastation as they watch their mother cry or their enraged father blow-up.

This is what binds the gay community so closely: the support that can be found for each other. The experience that each one of us has gone through in our lives makes us look at each other with a new kind of respect. We may not know each other personally, but there is a solidarity among us. Like all other people on the planet, we are not out to make a statement nor are we taking over countries or assimilating others. We are just trying to open people's minds and accept who we are,

and who they are. We are only looking for love and looking for our soulmates. We want to have someone to grow old with, to look across the kitchen table and smile because we know the love us, to crawl into bed and feel the warmth of their body beside ours. When a straight person raises their head to look at a rainbow flag, they think about gay people and how they are trying to get attention. When a gay person gazes up at the flowing colors of the flag, they are thinking about their pride and their struggles, and their love.

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MONEY MATTERS

King USA On The Verge of Taking Over The Sick Canadian Dollar

by Ashley Atkins

Has it occurred to you that over the last six months all the world has talked about is the United States of America and its war on terrorism, peace, and on and on? Has the ball hit you yet about how the USA is strong, powerful and ruthless? And, oh ya, have the newspapers across Canada made it clear to you that the USA is on the verge of swallowing up our country and all the greatness it holds tightly with great defense? Well Canada, guess what, its all true! But is all of that such a bad thing? Take the war and its valuable effects. Aren't the moral and ethical issues with terrorism and our safety important to have a look at? Hasn't America earned its right to tell the rest of the world what to do and what not to do? No! But maybe we Canadians can learn a few things from our neighbors to the south.

Take the US economy and its

enormity felt around the world—falling especially into Canada. They have all the brains, the ideas, the labor, and so on. What do we have up here in the Great White North? We have all the US has except our economy is known for its lumber, fisheries, electricity and

car manufacturing (where the factories are ironically owned by foreign car companies!) We have what is known primarily as a commodity-based economy. Let me tell you that no Nortels or JDS Uniphase's can help. Not even public health care or well

educated graduates will ever change the stigma that the world has placed upon our shoulders. Canada, as an economy, will never surpass that judgement and advance fast enough in the fields of science, technology or innovation. That is why I propose that Canada fold its weakening dollar into the US dollar.

Can you remember the year 1975? In 1975 the Canadian economy was so strong compared to the United States that our dollar was worth nearly \$1.10 to their \$1. Its hard to believe but the Canadian dollar was worth almost 10 cents more than the American. But all that changed in the late 1970's when inflation skyrocketed and the Canadian economy came to a screeching halt. Since '76 the Canadian dollar has fallen steadily to end up at an all time low of 61.8 cents on January 16, 2002. That means that you would have to spend \$169 Canadian to purchase \$100 US.

Yikes, that's some brutal statistic. How did this happen and what can the Canadian government or the economy do to save our dollar? We may never be able to say why our dollar has fallen, but I can tell you that the solution is just around the corner.

Dollarization. The word was invented by economists when they spoke of countries matching their dollars value

to the US? An economy does not shape a country's identity. A country is built on history, culture, language and more. If you feel that we as a country are better off alone, that's fine. But with each and every passing day our buying power plummets and our country's value falls. (Besides the point, from what I recall in grade 3 math, \$169 is not equal to \$100!) So give the idea a thought. At any angle you look at it the Americans are slowly taking over North America. I would rather form an economic union today while the dollar still has some value. If we don't open the door to the possibility of dollarization, the US will huff and puff and blow the sick Canadian dollar right down. (Offhand: Why is it that world economists judge a country's value by the relative worth of its currency? Would that not place a dollar value on our lives? It seems rather odd that each and every one of us walking down any Canadian street has a little dollar sign tattooed on their forehead. Next time you look in the mirror take a glance at your forehead, I bet you'll see it says in big red numbers: \$0.618!)

Next week:

Getting ready for Spring Break!



with another country's currency. What all this jargon really means is that Canada should fold its dollar and start using the US Greenback as its currency. Now I know this idea is not new but just think of the endless possibilities. Most importantly, if Canada did adopt the US dollar then our purchasing power would increase exponentially and our incomes would realize a higher value. So what if our economy eventually loses its sovereignty

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TECHNOLOGY

Internet dating

by The Luv Doc

Cruising, as it were, the internet for love? Take it from someone who's been down that road that it's not the easiest drive you'll ever have. Some people manage to get into the fast lane on their first try, while others, such as myself, have been left more than once, in the ditch.

There is something alluring about chatting intimately with a complete stranger, and often times, receiving an e-mail from someone who you've been talking to for a while is more exciting than waiting around for that phone call that never comes. Then there's that first chance to meet the person you've been messaging for minutes, or weeks, or years. But like

any other form of courtship, there are ups and downs.

Perhaps years ago it was easier to meet a potential partner. The options were few and obvious. You would either be introduced to someone by a friend or co-worker, meet by chance in a local establishment, or, as was probably the most frequent, in your own school or workplace. In this century, there are more choices, especially with the advent of the internet. With thousands of sites to visit and post your profile or chat online, the possibility of meeting a potential partner has increased exponentially.

Sadly, many of the same problems exist in meeting online as meeting in person. Not every date works out;

your prospective partner may seem nice at first, but then turn out to be less than desirable after a short period of time. Undesirable people are a bigger problem when meeting online because it's more likely to happen, and online, it's easier for people to lie or fill their profile with bogus information. Still, the internet is an easy and enjoyable way to make friends and possibly more.

Hundreds of sites are available, ranging from ordinary chatlines to webcam communities to online personal ads. The greatest advantage to using the internet in finding your soulmate is the diversity in the sites. Whether you're straight or gay, young or old, or

looking for someone who is vanilla or into the alternative lifestyle, there are websites that tailor to your specific taste.

The biggest factor is trust; in most cases, you can't see who is on the other end and be sure that their profile is 100 per cent accurate or that the picture they just emailed you is what they really look like. After some time though, you learn to detect who is a liar and who is the real deal. An online community is usually small enough that anyone you've made friends with will also be able to tell you if there is someone you should be avoiding.

Finally, as a word of caution from a veteran on the highway of love, always remember to drive carefully

and read the signs. Here's a handy reference manual.

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SA adopts constitution

by Jansen Ng

The Student Association Board of Directors recently adopted a constitution. Several emergency meetings and months of debate have yielded this document. Initiated by SA president Kevin King, it formally sets out our structure and what we are doing. You can think of it as the foundation of our organization. It caps off the organizational restructuring we have been undergoing for the past several months.

We would like to encourage students to get involved with clubs, sport teams, and Student Representative Councils. SRCs are set up by certain program divisions such as Business (Business

Student's Association), Technology (TSRC), and Ampersand. I am also currently working with Community Services representative Jean-Paul Brown in creating a new Community Services Student Representative Council. Any students interested in helping set this up and serving on the executive are encouraged to contact either of us.

We have three new clubs starting up this semester: the "Ivory Talon" paintball club, the Community Worker club, and the GBC comic club. You can also join the American Sign Language club, MOSAIC, GBC Marketing Association, and Human Resources club. For more information on joining these clubs, please drop by a Student Association office on your campus.

I would like to encourage all George Brown students to go out and support your Huskies male and female basketball teams. They're playing at the St. James Campus gym on the 6th floor on Feb. 15 against Mohawk College, and on Feb. 20, they will be playing against Seneca College. Go out and support your team!

Many Student Association divisions are currently looking for volunteers. Volunteers gain valuable work experience and this experience is noted when they apply for student positions at Student Association businesses, such as Get Back Jack's, Subway, and The Second Cup. George Brown College will be hosting a Labour Fair in March. Please check later issues for more details.



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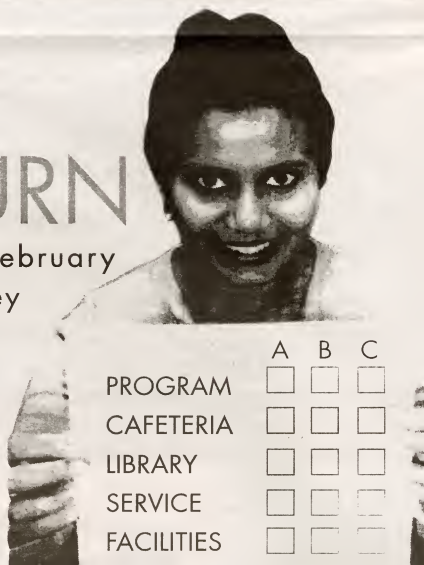
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Pornography has been around for centuries and today the business is booming. Technology has made porn more accessible, with thousands of snuff peddling websites on the net. Current social trends have even alleviated some of the shame previously associated with porn. However, sex still makes many people uncomfortable and renting a "adult" video can often be an embarrassing ordeal. There are stores that are trying everything to ease this discomfort and make shopping for porn a lot more fun. One such store is Good For Her at 175 Harbord, just east of Bathurst. Here you can find a great selection of video's, and other products related to sex and sexual health.

Good For Her has all kinds of porn in stock. For those folks who are tired of typical cheesy, degrading video's and are interested in something a little more fun, erotic, and non-exploitative, "Hard Love and How To Fuck In High Heels" is a great flick to check out. There are two different stories on this video and it is the second one "How To Fuck In High Heels" which is a must see. You still get the busty blonde in this movie, but you also get to see other women of all shapes, sizes, and colors having fun with safe, consensual sex. So go on, head down to your local porn shop and spice up your valentine's day.

On the other hand if you are looking for hard core porn, but lack the funds to go and buy it a good way to satisfy your carnal need is the computer. A good web site that is free, and will get you on your feet as far as viewing is www.bootlegz.com here you will find a wide variety of options whether you are looking for a live show, or pictures. When you get bored with bootlegz I suggest trying www.kazaa.com if you have a pc. You will have to download the software offered, and then search for what you want. The site is also good for music, and images. If you are a mac user try www.limewire.com. These web sites have replaced naps since the dawn fall of the free file sharing. They work the same way that naps did. The selection that is offered is great and will help with you becoming a

connoisseur of pornography. And if you do like hitting the video stores I would suggest renting Emmanuel. It is an original porno film that was filmed in the 70's. I haven't seen it yet, but have heard great things about it. Baise Moi (rape me) is a french sub-titled film that I would recommend seeing. It is a rendition of Thelma and Louise, with the sex, and violence. This film is very graphic and is not recommended for everyone. A some points I found it hard to watch, but in the end it is a film that I will always remember.



Music To Make Moves To



Miles Davis - Doo Bop

Is such a wicked selection of music. Covering a wide genre of music, whether you like listening to acid jazz, or hip-hop, it is guaranteed to let you get close to your honey!

SADE -

anywhere by Sade! Its such a slow groove, that its got it going on. Sade is such a slick vocalist. Her music will move you smoothly. And take you to deeper places

Mary J Blige - My Life

Mary sings about life in the sunshine. This is a full collection of make-out music.

Van Morrison - Moon Dance

Well its a marvelous night for a moon dance. A fabulous night to make romance..... This collection of slow fun ballads is a must have for those of us that truly want to seduce with an emotional meltdown. It would be hard to say no to this. If you are looking for action that will melt your senses awakening!

D'Angelo - Brown Sugar

When this guy can sing. 7 years ago I had a chance to see him, but unfortunately the show got cancelled. 2 years ago D'Angelo was scheduled to play Toronto with Mos Def, and again the show was cancelled. I am still waiting to see this guy in person. I have got it bad for this man! The whole CD is full of hott sexy tunes will guarantee to have your partner begging for more! This is a collection of smooth moves! I love D'Angelo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Peter Gabriel - SO

Peter Gabriel is such a huge ICON in music history. He has done things that no one else has done. He crosses over from alternative, to adult contemporary, to pop. His style sort of reminds me of Paul Simon, but definitely on a different tip. The collection of songs on this CD features performers like Kate Bush, Stewart Copeland, Nile Rodgers, Daniel Lanois. The production on the CD is phenomenal considering it was released in 1986.

Directions - Have you felt this way before?

A jazzy house collection from a group of Toronto locals! The vocals on the first track remind me of early SADE. A vibey soulful mellow release from everyday life. I would recommend smoking a spliff while listening to this to get the full effect of the musical journey that they invite you on. There are so many recommended scenarios I can think while listening to this CD. A slow easy dinner while savoring gentle conversation, a long car ride while watching the world pass by, a night out dancing.

Steely Dan - Gaucho

Steely Dan has been around for as long as I can remember, and they never bore me. Their give us a blend of sincere songs that allow us to dream of what life used to be like in the old days. Talking about Aretha Franklin, and way back when in '67. When I listen to Steely Dan it reminds me of Spring rain, fresh and easy. This CD is so much fun to listen to, and sing along to!

Kruder & Dorfmeister - Conversations

Yeah this is such a slick CD! Funky Drum and Bass beats that are such a melting warp of ethereal beats! A more modern approach to music, and making out. The tracks blend together seamlessly. If you were Searching for something that is a Nu Birth of Cool Come On this is the One and Only Dat's Cool. In our Time Zone this is Visible From Space. It's Speechless Drum & Bass. If you can Find Me I will give you The Lick!

ICONS - Emotions With Intellect

In our conception of music, this collection gives us something that evokes feeling and motion. Creatively giving us a pseudo-jazz inspired, breakbeat infused blend of afrofunk. With its tribal background you will be feeling frisky. Definitely good late night music. I love this CD, and have enjoyed listening to its sophisticated blend that crosses many lines. If you like Kruder & Dorfmeister you will love ICONS.

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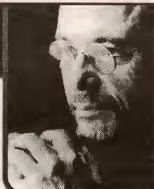
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3) I've tried, but don't seem to get any results. See Scott for the "Guaranteed Results Program".

2) I'm not challenging. - - Try a new program, specifically designed for you. See staff.

1) I have no time. - - **MAKE TIME!**

SuperBowl Highlights

The Security Bowl A Look at one of the Greatest and Safest Super Bowls Ever!

An eight-foot high metal framed fence stood tall surrounding the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana for footballs biggest game of the year. Gates were opened at 1:30pm (a lengthy 4 hours before kickoff), as fans were asked to enter the dome extremely early to allow ample time for the special security process they must undergo. A three step screening process awaited the 72,922 fans entering the stadium. Included was a coat/pocket check, a walk through a metal detector doorframe (like those used at airports), and a search of any small purse or bag. Furthermore, fans were prohibited from bringing such items as camcorders, beachballs, frisbees, containers of any type, coolers, bottles, cans, camera and binocular cases, and horns. Fans bringing in any of the following were stripped of the item(s) (these items were not held for patrons upon exiting the game). Meanwhile, police dogs roamed the naked field and sidelines well before kickoff, sniffing out

everything from garbage cans to game-day footballs, making sure the area was safe. Military aircraft and National Guard troops also surveyed the stadium throughout the game. Yes, security at today's Super Bowl was like no other sports world has ever seen. All this was just another result of the tragic events of September 11th. Federal authorities had designated the Super Bowl a "National Security Special Event" (NSSE) - - just like presidential inaugurations and political conventions. With all the extra security brought here for this weekend, New Orleans mayor Marc H. Morial deemed "New Orleans to be the safest city in America this weekend". The sports world as we knew it had been changed forever - - as will be more evident in two weeks when the Olympic Games begin.

Oh yeah, there was a game played too. The New England "We are a team" Patriots battled the St. Louis "Greatest show on turf" Rams. What was expected to be a blowout by the all mighty Rams, turned out to be one of the greatest Super Bowls in the history of the game. It was evident right from the opening drive of the game that Patriots coach Bill

Belichick had his team ready to play. The defensive mastermind played chess with his opponent, offensive



scientist Mike Martz of the Rams, all game long - - and managed to have Martz in check the entire game. Two first half turnovers by the Rams were the result of great defensive scheming and punishing tackles by Belichick's defense. Opening the scoring was a 50-yard field goal by Rams kicker Jeff Wilkins. Shortly after that though, the momentum shifted. Ty Law ran back a Kurt Warner interception 47 yards in the second quarter to give the Pats the lead. Leading 7-3, the Patriot defense stepped up again. As Terrell Buckley scooped up a Ricky Proehl fumble and scampered 15 yards setting up the New England offense. With a short field, second year quarterback Tom "there was a man named" Brady engineered a quick five-play drive, capped by a Brady to

David Patten touchdown. The word destiny began to surface, as the New England Patriots took a 14-3 lead into the recess.

Always expecting a big halftime show, the one performed at this Super Bowl was extra special. As "U2" one of the worlds most popular bands, performed two great hits, and in the process honored the victims and heroes of September the 11th. The names of the victims scrolled down the gigantic screen behind the band as they belted out their second tune. A very touching halftime indeed.

The third quarter featured little scoring, as New England's Adam Vinatieri's 37-yard field goal were the only points, increasing the Ram deficit to 14.

The fourth quarter seemed to wake up the Rams offense. Finally, Warner and the boys got the ball in the endzone. A Warner two-yard sneak got the Rams within seven. The momentum was now swaying towards the Rams' favour, and the entire Boston area started to breathe heavy. The pressure was now on the New England offense to muster some sort of a drive in response. Not just to score points, but to give the defence

a rest. Three and out they go, and just like that, Marshall, Kurt, Tory, Isaac, and company were back on the field. Although they didn't score on this next possession, with two minutes to go, they got one last final chance. And they didn't disappoint. Three plays and they were in the end zone and had tied the game at 17. Now with 1:21 remaining and the ball on their own 17 yard-line, most thought the Patriots would just run the clock and play for overtime. Not the Patriots though. Tom Brady finally got his offense clicking again and managed to set up a 48-yard field goal attempt with seven seconds to go. Adam Vinatieri nailed it into the middle as time expired. The Patriots had won the game. And in the process, had just displayed one of the biggest upsets in Super Bowl history. A 14-point underdog, the New England Patriots won 20-17. After all that has happened this year, with the events of September the 11th, it just seemed fitting that a team wearing red, white, and blue who are called the Patriots won the biggest game in sports!

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